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On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you of the fresh Iranian violations of the provisions of the cease-fire during the period from 13 to 28 February 1992, as follows:

1. At 1400 hours on 13 February 1992, the Iranian side set up a 106-mm gun at geographical coordinates 440051 in the central sector (map of Khanaqin).

2. At 0930 hours on 18 February 1992, an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It overflew Naft-e Shah at geographical coordinates 456647 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Khanaqin).

3. At 1010 hours on 18 February 1992, an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear in the direction of the Khosravi junction at geographical coordinates 440050. It then returned to the Iranian rear inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Khanaqin).

4. At 1120 hours on 18 February 1992, a gray-coloured Iranian fixed-wing aircraft violated Iraqi airspace at low altitude and at low speed at geographical coordinates 901932 and penetrated 2.5 kilometres inside Iraqi airspace. It then returned to the Iranian rear in the central sector (map of Tahiri).

5. At 1930 hours on 20 February 1992, 21 persons from the Iranian side, with three officers, three men in turbans and three civilians armed with three launchers and three PKC machine-guns, while the others were armed with rifles, were seen halting at geographical coordinates 874329 inside the area of separation. They then approached the Iraqi units and afterwards returned to their point of departure. At 0025 hours on 21 February 1992, they returned to the Iranian rear in the southern sector (map of Tahiri).

6. At 1440 hours on 21 February 1992, one person from the Iranian side fired shots from a Kalashnikov in the direction of the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 911861 inside the area of separation in the southern sector (map of Tahiri).

7. At 1035 hours on 22 February 1992, a gray-coloured civilian fixed-wing aircraft was seen flying at low speed at an altitude of 4,000 metres at geographical coordinates 919854 coming from the Iranian rear. It returned in the direction of the town of Muhammarah inside the area of separation in the southern sector (map of Tahiri).

8. At 0925 hours on 22 February 1992, 10 persons from the Iranian side wearing civilian clothes were seen at geographical coordinates 418111 digging a foundation for an Iranian guard post inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Khanaqin).

9. At 1330 hours on 24 February 1992, the sound of an explosion and the impact of an 81-mm shell was heard in front of the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 539718 inside Iraqi territory in the southern sector (map of Baydah).

10. At 1200 hours on 26 February 1992, the Iranian side fired two 60-mm illuminating mortar shells at geographical coordinates 557523 in the northern Majnun oilfield inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Baydah). The interval between the two bombs was five minutes.

11. At 1430 hours on 27 February 1992, six persons from the Iranian side approached the Iraqi units at geographical coordinates 557382 inside the area of separation and then returned to their positions (map of Baydah).

12. At 1700 hours on 27 February 1992, three officers from the Iranian side approached the Iraqi positions at geographical coordinates 562469 in northern Majnun inside the area of separation and then returned to their positions (map of Baydah).

13. At 1215 hours on 28 February 1992, an Iranian vehicle carrying 50 unarmed persons from the Iranian side, including four officers, approached in front of the Iraqi positions at geographical coordinates 562469 inside the area of separation and deployed on the Iranian embankment. A group of them in civilian dress, estimated to number 15, attempted to approach the Iraqi positions claiming that they had brought a picnic and wanted to make the acquaintance of the Iraqi forward units. From there they returned to the Iranian rear (map of Baydah).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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